

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY MILITARY SURFACE DEPLOYMENT AND DISTRIBUTION COMMAND 200 STOVALL STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22332-5000

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## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Safety and Health Policy Statement

- 1. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all SDDC military, civilian, and contract personnel.
- 2. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Every member of the SDDC team shares a role in doing all they can to make sure all aspects of our mission are carried out as safely as possible. The key to success in this endeavor is personal commitment, incorporating the tested principles of risk management into the culture of our Command and backing them with a strong Command Safety Program.
- 3. I expect every member of the Command to make a personal commitment to the safety of themselves and their fellow workers. Through training and increased awareness we can effectively reduce the number of mishaps and accidents throughout SDDC. The principles of risk management must become an integral part of our mission. We must ingrain it into the very heart of what we do. Commanders will ensure their personnel receive risk management training at every level of their organization. Identifying and assessing hazards, making the right decisions, implementing controls, and supervising the results must become second nature.
- 4. While safety is an individual responsibility, it is also a Commander's program. Commanders must emphasize the importance of their safety program to everyone in their organization. It must become a standard we constantly strive to meet. Strong support at all levels of leadership will ensure we build and maintain a successful safety program.
- 5. I am personally committed to making SDDC the leader in surface transportation safety. Together, we can make our Command a world-class surface deployment and distribution safety champion.

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